

Easy hire

see "Tally System"

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**Eaves**

Eaves are the edges of a roof projecting beyond the walls.

Ebonite

Ebonite is a hard product obtained by fully vulcanising rubber with more than 20 percent of its weight of sulphur. Ebonite is very resistant to corrosion and as an excellent insulator was employed in the electrical industry.

Ebony

Ebony is the heart-wood of various species of Diospyros, trees of the order Ebenacea. It is a heavy, deep black wood used in piano keys and inlaying.

Ecarte

Ecarte is a card game for two players, first played in Paris in the 19th century. A deck of 32 cards is used, all the cards below 7 being removed. The ace ranks between the 10 and the jack. Spectators are allowed to bet on the game.

Echinus

An echinus is the rounded moulding in the capital of a Doric column.

Echo Sounding

Echo Sounding is measurement of the depth of the ocean by directing a sonic or ultrasonic pressure wave vertically downward and determining the time taken before the echo is received.

Eclipse

An eclipse is the passage of a celestial body through the shadow of another.

Ecology

Ecology is the study of the relationship between plants and the places in which they grow. The term is becoming used to describe the opposition to man-made pollution and destruction of nature, hence an ecologist today is thought of more as an environmental campaigner than a botanist.

Ectoderm

see "Germ layer"

EDAAS

EDAAS is an expert system that uses its knowledge of both the Toxic Substances Control Act (USA) and criteria for classifying information as confidential to help information specialists decide which information about the manufacturing and distribution of toxic chemicals must be released to the public and which information may be withheld for proprietary purposes. EDAAS was developed for the Environmental Protection Agency in the USA using FORTAN.

Eddy Current

Eddy currents (Foucault currents) are electric currents induced in a conductor by a varying magnetic field, for instance, in the core of an inductor or transformer.

Effervescence